

Special Conditions for the Alpine/Springerville Ranger Districts FREE USE BURNED AREA Fuelwood Permit As of 04/10/2013

1. **This permit is for specific areas on the 59 Rd, 68 Rd, 24 Rd, 567 Rd, 58 Rd, 249 Rd, 72 Rd, 576 Rd, 25 Rd, 85 Rd, 276 RD, 37 Rd, 25B Rd, 85A Rd, 8315 Rd and KP Campground Entrance Rd (See attached map) for fuelwood harvest, and no other activity.**
2. Hwy 261 and 273 may be closed to the public from December through early May. Check with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) before using these roads. 1-888-411-7623 or www.az511.gov
3. Many hazards still exist throughout the burn area including falling trees, flooding, mudslides, rockslides, damaged roads. Permittees are responsible for their own safety, and should always **Look up, Look down and Look all around** when entering the forest.
4. Cutting area is the area open to the public 150 feet on either side of numbered roads highlighted in blue on attached fuelwood map. No cutting allowed in other areas. **No cutting is allowed in designated campgrounds, recreation areas, wilderness and commercial areas.**
5. Permit holder / designated cutter must complete product Removal Record each day in ink **before leaving** the immediate area the fuelwood was actually cut in. Record fuelwood removed in **cords**. The permit must be in your possession when cutting and hauling.
6. Permit holder/designated cutter must tag the load **before leaving** the immediate area the fuelwood was actually cut in.

TO PROPERLY TAG YOUR LOAD:
Separate – Separate each ¼ cord tag from the other tag, i.e. parts A, B, C and D.
Notch – Notch out the month and the day on each ¼ cord tag.
Attach – Attach each ¼ cord tag securely to your load where it is visible from the rear of the vehicle.
7. Vehicles may be driven off numbered forest service roads (reference General Condition #4) **provided that**; 1) soil moisture conditions are such that unreasonable damage to soils and vegetation does not occur (36CFR261.13h), 2) within 150 feet of such road, and 3) no other motor vehicle travel restrictions are in effect.
8. Vehicles and power saws are subject to inspection by any Forest Officer, State Peace Officer, Federal Law Enforcement Officer, or any Official of the AZ Dept of Agriculture. Failure to allow inspections will be cause to cancel permit. All power saw mufflers shall be in good condition and equipped with an approved spark arrestor, with a screen size of .023".
9. Permit holder/designated cutter is responsible for checking with the Forest Service to find out emergency fire precaution measures required
10. **Inclement weather, fire closures, or court-imposed injunctions are not grounds for permit refunds or extensions.**
11. Stumps shall be cut as low to the ground as practical, in no case higher than 12". All tops and limbs shall be utilized to 4" diameter. Scatter all slash so it is no higher than 24" in depth.
12. You may cut dead wood lying on the ground **except**; 1) trees or logs that have paint on them, or 2) any species prohibited in "Other Conditions". or 3) in prohibited areas. **You may cut dead standing trees that are marked with blue paint within 150 feet of the specified roads. No other standing trees may be cut.**
13. A dead tree is defined as one having no live branches, limbs, or needles/leaves. You may not cut dead limbs from live trees.
14. No cutting in areas designated for commercial or green fuelwood or timber sale areas, unless you have a specific permit for that area.
15. One Cord is equivalent to a pile of split and stacked wood 4' high x 4' wide x 8' long. A ½ ton pickup without side racks holds about ½ cord per load.

16. The fine for illegally cutting trees outside the terms of this permit will be a minimum of \$250. Violations of terms and conditions of this permit could result in fines of up to \$5000 and/or 6 months in jail.

FIREWOOD GATHERING INFORMATION

Removal Tags

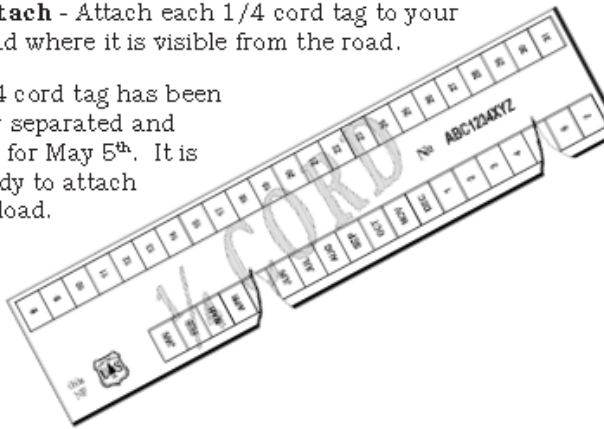
To properly tag your load remember:

Separate - Separate each 1/4 cord tag from the other removal tags.

Notch - Notch out the month and the day on each 1/4 cord tag.

Attach - Attach each 1/4 cord tag to your load where it is visible from the road.

This 1/4 cord tag has been properly separated and notched for May 5th. It is now ready to attach to your load.



How Much Wood Do I Have?

You've been cutting most of the day, and your truck or trailer is now loaded with firewood. So, how much wood do you actually have? Here are some guidelines to help you get the amount of wood you paid for.

A 1/4-ton small pickup truck will hold 1/4 cord of wood when the load is piled up above the bed of the truck.

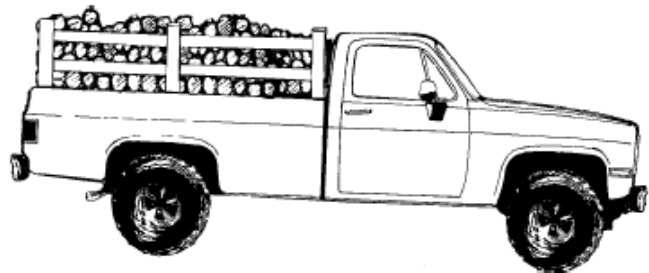
A 1/2-ton pickup with a short bed, or a step-side bed, will also hold 1/4 cord of wood when it is loaded to the top of the bed. All of these loads would require one 1/4-cord tag separated, notched, and attached to the load.

On average, a full bed pickup truck holds 1/2 cord of firewood when it is filled to the top of the bed. This load would require two 1/4-cord tags separated, notched, and attached to the load.

A full bed truck with rails will hold 1 cord of wood when it is loaded level with the roof of the truck from the cab to the tailgate. This load would require four 1/4-cord tags separated, notched, and attached to the load.

Woodcutting Checklist

- ☒ Have your Permit – This includes the printed permit, any Special Conditions attachments, area maps, and removal tags.
- ☒ Check road conditions and closures.
- ☒ Study the cutting area maps. It is also recommended that you have a Apache-Sitgreaves Forest Visitors Map.
- ☒ Let someone know where you're going and when you'll be back.
- ☒ A chain saw, an axe, wedges, shovel, fire extinguisher and a first aid kit.



How Much Wood in a Cord?

Dimensions: One cord = 8 feet long x 4 feet wide x 4 feet deep.

Volume in Cubic Feet: One cord = 128 cubic feet = 8 feet (length) x 4 feet (width) x 4 feet (height).